(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated cost likely to be incurred on installation of these gadgets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Security equipments and systems based on new technology like Explosive Detectors, Bomb Disposal equipment, Perimeter Intrusion Detection System (PIDS), Smart Card and Bio-metrics based access control system, In-line Integrated X-ray baggage screening System etc. are recommended for mandatory installation and commissioning by the airport operators at all operational airports. The Security Systems are also integrated and interfaced with Close Circuit Television (CCTV) surveillance. Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) have issued Technical Specifications for the security equipments and systems which are recommended keeping in view the threat perception for each airport.

(c) The estimated costs are as under:

(i) In-Line X-BIS - Value of order placed for international airports is estimated at Rs. 45 crores.

(ii) Explosive Trace Detectors - Order placed for Rs. 91.00 crores approximately including existing Customs Duty.

(iii) CCTV - Rs. 70 crores (approx.)

(iv) X-ray Baggage Inspection System - Rs. 140 crores (Approx.)

Development of Bhubaneswar airport as an international airport

2331. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to develop Orissa as a tourist destination by providing basic infrastructure for International tourists like declaring Bhubaneswar Airport as an International Airport;

(b) if so, what budgetary allocations have been made in this regard during the current year;

(c) whether Government has also framed any fresh set of guidelines for foreign tourist wanting to travel to India with a whole new section on "Safety and Security of Tourists"; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Biju Patnaik Airport at Bhubaneswar is one of the 35 non-metro airports taken up for development and upgradation to international standards. Any other declaration will be considered subsequent to completion of process of modernisation by Airports Authority of India (AAI), at an estimated cost of Rs. 150 crore. Further, Ministry of Tourism have sanctioned tourism projects to the tune of Rs. 72.35 crore and Rs. 23.27 crore for the State of Orissa in Tenth Five Year Plan and during the financial year 2007-08, respectively.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Tourism are advising State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, from time to time to make concerted efforts for safety and security of

tourists and for deploying Tourist Police. However, no specific guidelines for foreign tourists have been issued.

Serving of liquor during domestic flights

† 2332. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to serve liquor on demand to the passengers in aircrafts during domestic flights;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, whether Government intends to consider any such proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) A proposal has been submitted by the Federation of Indian Airlines (FIA) and other organizations. However, Government has not taken any decision in this regard.

Air services front Dehradun airport

† 2333. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any date has been fixed to re-start aeroplane operation on expanded air strip of Jauljivi in Dehradun, Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of airlines operating air services from this airport;

(d) whether Indian Airlines is also going to start air service on Deihi-Dehradun sector; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Air Deccan has commenced morning and evening air services on Delhi-Dehradun-Delhi sector with ATR-42 aircraft w.e.f. 30th March, 2008 in addition to the non-scheduled air services which were already in operation.

(d) and (e) Operations of flights to a particular station depends upon resource availability and commercial viability. National Aviation Company of Indian Limited or its subsidiaries at present have no firm plan to operate flights on this sector.

Repatriation of foreign pilots

2334. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sudden aviation boom of past three years has resulted in hiring of trained foreign pilots;

(b) if so, how many foreign pilots are presently employed by scheduled Indian carriers;

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